

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application.

Claim 25-32 have been cancelled.

Claim Objections

Appropriate correction has been made to misnumbered claims 8, 20, and 28. Claims 1-24 have been renumbered as Claims 1-22.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I. Claims 1-24 (renumbered as 1-22), drawn to extracting and converting inventory balance information, classified in class 705, subclass 28.

Group II. Claims 25-32 (renumbered as 23-29), drawn to a list of inventory balances class with a hierarchy of data elements, classified in class 705, subclass 22.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-24 (renumbered as 1-22), drawn to extracting and converting inventory balance information, classified in class 705, subclass 28.

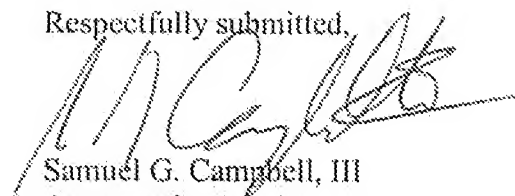
Please cancel claims 25-32 (renumbered as 23-29) without prejudice to the subject matter disclosed therein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5084.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

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